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cease? I saw five hands. The question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Just a point of personal privilege, Lieutenant Governor. I can't blame the Judiciary hearing room on my ugliness. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We are relieved to know that. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: A point of personal privilege. For something I said in jest I sure as heck think there was too much comments made about it. That is it.

PRESIDENT: The debate is ceased. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I don't know when I have had such a good time in six years. I'm glad to be able to bring you the veto override to bring merriment to your life and so on. We have had an excellent discourse on the north Omaha freeway and picture hanging and ugliness and so on. But the things that actually are significant on the issue are these, and I mean this. Senator Marsh and Senator Chambers in particular talked about aesthetics. That is a big word and it means "beauty". It means "looks". And, what they said is, given the architectural qualities of the State Capitol building which our grandparents had the fortitude to build we have a responsibility to maintain those architectural qualities. We have a responsibility, not just to ourselves, not just to our immediate public, but to our children and to our children's children. We in a sense are the caretakers of the Taj Mahal. We in a sense are the caretakers of the Vatican. And, we do not dare allow that building, which is our responsibility, our charge, to not only not fall into disrepair, but in addition, to fall into unsightliness and ugliness. And, Senator Newell is absolutely correct. The